

Senate Resolution 797

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Unterman of the 45th, Williams of the 19th, Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Children's Advocacy Centers in Georgia and recognizing Tuesday, February 7,
2 2006, as Children's Advocacy Centers Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia was formed in 1994 to promote, assist,
4 and support the development, growth, and continuation of Children's Advocacy Centers in
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers help children who may have been abused by
7 collaborating with child protection agencies, conducting joint interviews with children to
8 reduce retelling and reliving traumatic events, promoting teamwork among all interested
9 parties, creating child-friendly facilities, and tailoring programs to meet community needs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, 39 Advocacy Centers are currently serving 77 counties and 38 judicial districts;
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13 WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary team, consisting of law enforcement, child protective
14 services, prosecuting attorneys, medical personnel, mental health professionals, and other
15 concerned participants, is the most effective means of reducing the trauma of child abuse and
16 successfully holding perpetrators accountable; and

17 WHEREAS, these centers operate through public/private partnerships with state support,
18 federal support, and generous donations of time, money, and specialized services from
19 concerned professionals and individuals in communities across Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia strives to increase public awareness
21 of the work of advocacy centers, to support existing centers, and to assist communities in the
22 development of new advocacy centers; and

1 WHEREAS, the outstanding efforts of the national network of Children's Advocacy Centers
2 and Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia merit recognition and endorsement.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 commend Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia for their efforts to prevent abuse and to
5 treat abused children in Georgia, and recognize Tuesday, February 7, 2006, as Children's
6 Advocacy Centers Day.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia.